

STATE OF ILLINOIS
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Meeting of the Commission

March 18, 2009

10:00 a.m.

James R. Thompson Center
Room 5-300
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois

and

Lincoln Land Training Center
130 W. Mason Street, Room 104
Springfield, Illinois

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Commissioners

In Chicago

Acting Chairman Sakhawat Hussain, M.D.

David Chang

Robert S. Enriquez (via telephone)

Marylee V. Freeman

Munir Muhammad

Rozanne Ronen

Gregory Simoncini

Diane Viverito

In Springfield

Marti Baricevic

Absent

Spencer Leak, Sr.

Yonnie Stroger

Staff

Reva Bauch

LaNade Bridges

Michael J. Evans

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Donyelle L. Gray
Bricia Herrera
Harriet Parker
Meghan J. Paulas
Christine Welninski

Absent

N. Keith Chambers
Dr. Ewa I. Ewa

I. Call to Order

On March 18, 2009 at 10:05 a.m., Acting Chairman Sakhawat Hussain called to order a meeting of the Illinois Human Rights Commission. Chairman Hussain announced that the meeting would be audio recorded and that recording equipment was running.

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., it was determined that:

1) A quorum of the public body was present at the meeting without the physical presence of Commissioner Enriquez, Commissioner Leak, and Commissioner Stroger.

2) Prior to the meeting, Commissioner Enriquez gave notice (and good cause as defined by the Illinois Open Meetings Act) to the General Counsel and Secretary of the Public Body, Harriet Parker, that he would be unable to be physically present for the March 18, 2009 meeting. The Commission voted to allow Commissioner Enriquez to participate in the meeting via telephone. Motion made by Commissioner Simoncini, seconded by Commissioner Muhammad. Motion carried 8-0.

II. Consideration of Minutes

February 18, 2009

The minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2009 were approved. Motion made by Commissioner Freeman with a second by Commissioner Muhammad to approve the minutes as submitted by staff. Motion carried 9-0.

III. Staff Reports

A. N. Keith Chambers, Executive Director

The Executive Director's report was presented in writing.

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B. Dr. Ewa I. Ewa, Chief Fiscal Officer

The Chief Fiscal Officer's report was presented in writing.

C. Michael J. Evans, Chief Administrative Law Judge

D. Harriet Parker, General Counsel

IV. Old Business

Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission Act

Commissioner Chang provided an overview of the above-captioned proposed legislation and General Counsel Harriet Parker answered questions about the proposed bill.

V. Adjournment.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Muhammad, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Parker
General Counsel